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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEGUCIGALPA 5954

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PBOR, TOCY, HO, ES  
SUBJECT: R/V ALPHA HELIX CLEARANCE REQUEST, 31 MARCH - 21 APRIL 1978

REF: STATE 297271

1. R/V ALPHA HELIX HAS MADE SEVERAL RESEARCH CRUISES RECENTLY  
IN HONDURAS' CARIBBEAN WATERS, WITH THE PARTICIPATION AND  
COOPERATION OF THE GOH. BECAUSE OF JOINT CLAIM TO ISLA  
MEANGUERA (REFTEL) EMBOFF INFORMALLY DISCUSSED PROPOSED  
SCIENTIFIC MISSION WITH VICE FOREIGN MINISTER POLICARPO  
CALLEJAS.

2. CALLEJAS CONFIRMED THAT GOH MAINTAINS A CLAIM FOR

ISLA MEANGUERA, BUT SAID THAT AS A PRACTICAL MATTER  
EL SALVADOR CONTROLS THE ISLAND. HE DESCRIBED THE GULF OF  
FONSECA AS A SENSITIVE AREA WHERE THE LIMIT WITH NICARAGUA  
HAS BEEN AGREED, BUT NOT THAT WITH EL SALVADOR NOR HAS THE  
WIDTH OF HONDURAS' CORRIDOR TO THE OPEN SEA BEEN DEFINED.

3. IN DESCRIBING THE ISLAND, CALLEJAS SAID THE GOH WOULD  
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APPROVE A CLEARANCE REQUEST WITH PLEASURE IF ONE WERE  
PRESENTED, AS HAS TO BE DONE IN VIEW OF THE TWO CLAIMS,

BUT WOULD ALSO CITE SUCH A REQUEST AS SUPPORTING ITS VIEWS.  
HE EXPRESSED THE BELIEF THAT THE GOES WOULD BE VERY  
DISTURBED AT THIS. CALLEJAS SAID THAT WHILE THE ISLA MEANGUERA  
IS NOT PART OF THE BORDER DIS-

PUTE NEGOTIATIONS EXPECTED TO  
BEGIN SOON, IT IS IN A SENSITIVE AREA AND, WHILE NOT  
UNDER IMMEDIATE DISCUSSION, IS ANOTHER WHERE THE GOH AND  
GOES HAVE DIFFERING VIEWS. CALLEJAS SAID THAT GOH WOULD  
BE DELIGHTED TO HAVE ALPHA HELIX VISIT AMAPALA AND  
SUGGESTED THAT IT COULD ALSO VISIT SOME SALVADORAN ISLAND  
WHICH IS NOT THE SUBJECT OF A JOINT CLAIM.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WHILE GOH HAS NO DIFFICULTIES  
WITH A VISIT TO ISLA MEANGUERA, CALLEJAS WAS CLEARLY  
CONCERNED OVER WHAT MIGHT BE THE GOES REACTION AT THIS  
TIME. GOH PRIORITY IS OF COURSE NOT TO COMPLICATE BORDER  
NEGOTIATIONS WITH GOES. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT GOH HAS ITS  
PRIORITIES RIGHT IN SACRIFICING WHAT IT COULD CALL SUPPORT FOR  
ITS CLAIM TO GETTING ON WITH THE NEGOTIATIONS. IN VIEW OF THIS,  
EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT GOH PREFERENCES SHOULD BE RESPECTED  
AND R/V ALPHA HELIX NOT VISIT ISLA MEANGUERA. BEFORE  
PROCESSING CLEARANCE REQUEST EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE  
DEPARTMENT'S CONSIDERATION THIS ASPECT.  
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